

## **RESOLUTION NO. 10607**

### **A RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Municipal General Election is scheduled to include one ballot issue, one Municipal Court Judge, two Commissioner seats, one Mayor seat, and each of the nine Neighborhood Council Districts with a total of five positions within each district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mont. Code Ann. § 13-1-403 sets forth in subsection (4) Except as provided in subsection (5)(b) and unless otherwise specifically provided by law, if the number of candidates filing for election is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, the election administrator shall notify the governing body of the local government in writing that the election is not necessary and the governing body may by resolution cancel the election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cascade County Election Administrator provided notice, dated September 12, 2025, of the number of candidates that have filed for City offices for the upcoming November election, and that the Cascade County Election Department has not had any declared write-in filings by the August 6, 2025, deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, Mont. Code Ann. § 13-1-403(5)(b) sets forth: If an election has been canceled and there are no regular or declared write-in candidates for a position, the governing body of the local government shall fill the position by appointment. The term of an appointed member must be the same as if the member were elected; and

**WHEREAS**, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-5-4410 authorizes the governing body of a municipality to cancel a general election for the election of a municipal officer by resolution after notification by the election administrator pursuant to the provisions of § 13-1-403 if the number of candidates filing for election is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled.

**WHEREAS**, this resolution provides notice that the municipal officer positions of Municipal Court Judge – Department B, and Neighborhood Council District Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are eligible for cancelation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**, that:

1. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Municipal Court Judge – Department B, is hereby canceled, and Mark A. Dunn is hereby declared the candidate elected to the position by acclamation for a four-year term following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.
2. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 1 is hereby canceled, and David Saslav, Pat Goodover II, Trevor Cummings, Arthur Taft, and Abigail St. Lawrence are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-

year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.

3. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 2 is hereby canceled, and Andrew Sonnemaker, Ciara Ashcraft, Timothy Croft, Frank Speidel, and Wayne Young are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.
4. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 4 is hereby canceled, and Lisa Meyers, Sandra Guynn, Neil Tredray, Ronald Paulick, and James G. Whitaker are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.
5. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 5 is hereby canceled, and Dylan Lennox, Thomas Kotynski, Greg Milton, Howard Plouffe, and Luella Vogel are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.
6. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 6 is hereby canceled, and Michelle Cornellier, Richard Cornellier, and James F. Rickley are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.
7. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 7 is hereby canceled, and Allison Tangen, Troy Lane, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandra Rice, and William Wadman are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.
8. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 8 is hereby canceled, and David Price, Johnnie Scott, Michael W. Brainard, and Karen Grove are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.
9. The November 4, 2025, General Election of Neighborhood Council District No. 9 is hereby canceled, and Amanda Baugus, Barney Danishefsky, Dana Kirkmeyer, Theresa (Terri) Ryan, and Judie Suden are declared the candidates elected to the position by acclamation for two-year terms following completion of the Municipal General Election to be held on November 4, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

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Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Darcy Dea, Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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David G. Dennis, City Attorney